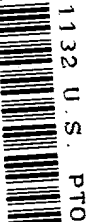


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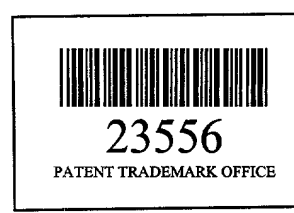
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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3. Four (4) sheets of drawings.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (Unexecuted).
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